



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: ) Confirmation No.: 1727  
Arthur ZAVALKOVSKY, et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/675,980 ) Examiner: Kevin T. BATES  
Filed on: September 29, 2000 ) Group Art Unit No.: 2155

For: MARKING NETWORK DATA PACKETS WITH DIFFERENTIATED SERVICES  
CODEPOINTS BASED ON NETWORK LOAD

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**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 14, 2005, for which the shortened statutory period for reply extends to December 14, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks herein. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 32 of this paper.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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